

EDITORIALS

We Need A Good Non-Partisan Organization

We learned only last week that efforts are being set forth to form a League of Women Voters Chapter in Farmington which would be affiliated with the League of Women Voters of Michigan and the United States.

Women interested in becoming active in this group or in obtaining more information have been asked to contact library officials at the Farmington District Library or call Mrs. E. Flood at GR. 4-1807.

It is our sincere hope that the group spearheading the formation of a local League chapter will be successful and get out in the not too distant future we will have an active group functioning here.

Besides giving local citizens valuable information on state and national issues and candidates in cooperation with the parent organizations, the local League of Women Voters Chapter could be a valuable service in studying and disseminating information on local government matters and candidates for offices.

We have felt for some time that there has been a real need locally for an active non-partisan group such as the League of Women Voters to perform the above mentioned function for our citizenry. The newspaper can do a relatively good job on matters of this kind but often times does not have the time or personnel to go into the research and study as deeply as it should be going into.

A non-partisan group really interested in community betterment and an informed citizenry on all matters can render a big assistance.

Not too many years ago a League of Subdivision Associations was formed in the Township and started out to render a very fine service in this regard. Unfortunately, however, partisan politics

and factions bent on their own personal interests got involved and the end result was a lot of bickering and the abolishment of the League as an active local organization.

We have a number of good local civic organizations and clubs but none of them have shown an interest or desire in getting involved in any matters of a political nature. The Junior Chamber of Commerce and some of the other clubs in the community have gotten behind proposed programs and projects and supported them but then shied away from any matters where partisan politics or support of particular politicians and their advocations might get involved.

Let's hope that a goodly number of local women will consider seriously becoming members of the local League of Women Voters and proposed and then work actively with the organization.

This seems like a good time for us to also propose that some civic minded men in our community consider seriously the formation of a non-partisan committee or township and including both men and women in its membership. Such an association could hold general membership meetings regularly to discuss common community problems and then embark on united projects to try to solve them.

This type of organization would not have to infringe on the endeavors of any other organization such as the new Board of Commerce, the proposed League of Women Voters group or any of the other civic clubs or groups. Existing clubs might very nicely replace all of the present subdivision associations, both active and non-active, and result in a lot more being accomplished for all the citizenry in the community.

Careless Use Is the Big Problem

The water bans are on again. These are words we've had to print nearly every summer now for as long as we've been living in the suburban Detroit area. They come as very unpleasant words to every homeowner but perhaps particularly so to the newer home purchasers trying to get grassed areas well established or shrubs and bushes pft on a good start to help set off the house.

Occasionally heavy amounts of water are being used outside there just doesn't seem to be any community, whether they are supplied by community or private wells or a municipal water system, that can come up with enough water fast enough to take care of every-thing during hot, dry summer months. The need for restricting outside water use at some times seems to be a necessity of nearly every community but it is particularly true in rapidly growing areas such as ours where a lot of new lawn planting and landscaping work is being done.

Township area-homeowners presently being supplied from private subdivision or neighborhood wells may think that getting hooked-up to the Detroit water system will solve their problems in this regard. They need only look at the experience that the City of Farmington, already having a Detroit water supply, is having to know that this will be far from true.

We don't claim to be any kind of authorities on growing grass or shrubbery and our laws and signs show it. But it does appear to us that there is an awful lot of water being wasted outdoors everyday and that if some of this careless and useless waste were stopped it would at least ease the problem.

All the authoritative material we have read on lawn and shrub care has said one or more than two good soakings a week is all that should be done for best results. Yet, day after day, we see lawn sprinklers at some households going from early in the morning until late in the evening nearly every day of the week.

Only last week we received a call from a lady in Kimberley subdivision complaining bitterly about water pressure to get her laundry done or take care of other outside water needs because neighbors have their sprinklers going every day.

She pointed out that a county ban had been placed on outside water use in the subdivision limited use to alternate days but that the neighbors were completely ignoring it and that the ban was not being enforced. She felt that an ordinance should be adopted by the township to put some teeth in bans of this kind.

We fail to see the value of such action. What good is an ordinance when you don't have the personnel to enforce it? The township police force with its small 12-member full-time force is already spreading itself far too thin and we surely wouldn't be able to expect them to enforce water bans in subdivisions throughout the township.

Unless citizens are willing to spend a lot more money to provide for personnel to perform these kinds of duties then it appears to us that the only solution is going to be for people to start using a little more common sense in the way they use water during peak use periods.

Perhaps the city and township should embark on an education campaign for citizens on the proper care of lawns and shrubbery?

Summer Opens Old Trail Inn

Old Trail Inn and cottages located 2 1/2 miles above Peoskey on Lake Shore opened the summer season on June 22.

Last year new owners, Chuck and Norma Davis of 2838 La-Muera Drive, Farmington, made this picturesque log style resort a lively place once more after it had been closed for three seasons. Resorters in the area were pleased to see once again the sight along Lake Shore Drive and on the wooded trail to Peoskey in the area, Bay View and Peoskey for serving a unique salad buffet and offering a choice of entree at reasonable prices.

This summer the Inn is celebrating its 50th anniversary in preparation, friends spent a weekend with the Davises redecorating and cleaning the Inn. They included from Farmington Jack and Nancy Passfield, Larry and Doreen Sharr, Zal and Nan McDavid, Don and Marvella McEachin, Al and Joyce Little, and from Jackson Roger Hayward with the following: The kerosene lamps and candles once a necessity are now mere decorations. New drapes and carpets and new paint make the work a pleasure. Ideal weather and a steak fry on the beach perfected the weekend.

An executive chef is in charge of the kitchen. Meals will be served to American Plan cottage guests and also the general public. The dining room is stressed and therefore a call for luncheon or dinner reservations is appreciated.

The Lake Shore Drive is one of the most beautiful and historic in Michigan and should not be missed by anyone vacationing in the area.

The Inn is located on the Old Indian Trail between Devil's Elbow and the Counsel Tree. A setting sun can be appreciated while eating in the quiet and rustic dining rooms or resting on the new front porch.

You may enjoy meeting the Davises and their five children: Mary, Mike, Gary, Kim, and Dennis who is just six months old. They are trying to preserve the historical site. Anyone who appreciates the natural beauty and peace of the area of northern Michigan would enjoy an evening, a night or a week at the historically famous location of Old Trail Inn.

Jr. Hi. Teacher At Institute

Arthur E. Browne, a teacher at the O. E. Dunckel Junior High School in Farmington, is studying this summer at the annual West Virginia Wesleyan College Institute for Junior High School teachers.

The institute was established several years ago to help select and interested senior high school teachers to gain a greater knowledge of the sciences and mathematics.

Browne teaches general science. He is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree.

Elected to Office

Stuart J. Curtis of Farmington has been elected Secretary of the Greater Detroit Chapter of the Society of Safety Engineers for the 1963-64 year. Curtis is Safety Director for Burroughs Corporation.

Children's Hospital Plans Revealed

Plans were revealed this week at the expansion of the Children's Hospital facilities in Farmington which is a branch of the Leape State Home and Training School and soon to come under the control of the Plymouth, State Home and Training School. Mentally retarded children have been cared for at Children's Hospital for the last 24 years.

City Taxes

Property owners in the City of Farmington will get their annual tax bills this week from City Treasurer Kathryn D. Cotler. Total taxes to be paid this City this year are \$164,239 as compared with \$163,820 last year.



FARMINGTON MAYOR Robert Lindbergh signed the proclamation last week officially setting up the community-wide observance of the YMCA's "Let Freedom Ring" program for the Fourth of July. The entire

community is urged to ring bells in union at 1 p.m. on the Fourth to help commemorate the day. With the Mayor are Ron Guibault (L) and Chuck Wise of the Farmington YMCA.

Students Named to Honor Roll At O. E. Dunckel Junior High

SEVENTH GRADE: Calvin Abbott, Carolyn Accia, Phil Gary Adams, Richard Al-Ginnest, Norman Allen, Robert Barkdull, Gary Bartlett, James Berry, Howard Broad, Mary Buggia \* and Linda Chalfant.

EIGHTH GRADE: Wendy Chambers, Keith Cusack, Janice Davis, Norman DeCoursey, Jeanne Eaton, Steven Ely and Mark Fuller.

NINTH GRADE: Frankel, Aileen Garner, Kirk Griffiths, James Grum, Thomas Guzik, Paul Heavenridge, Mary Heinzen and James Hodge.

TENTH GRADE: Richard Horbach, Nancy Hormacek, Thomas Huber, Leslie Janowski, Bernice Johnson, Paul Kamp, Lee Kornfield, April Koramiller, Kristine Kourjian and Donald Kriss.

Eleventh GRADE: Douglas Lam, Larry Leblanc, Kathleen Lemon, Nancy Levine, Linda Lueker, Marsha MacDowell and Craig MacKay.

Twelfth GRADE: Elvise Marcus, Michael Martin, Peggy Mather, Michael McCoy, Mary McElfresh, Andrew Mitchell, Scott Nelson, Mary O'Connor and Rosalind Odum.

Thirteenth GRADE: Donna Olson, Susan Palmer, John Ratchford, William Reader, Suzanne Roberts, Donna Rodeheaver, Cheryl Rollins, Kathleen Ryan and Gary Salen.

Fourteenth GRADE: Timothy Schaefer, Janice Schreiber, Peggy Schwarz, Timothy Shaw, Nancy Sheldon, Terry Simmons, Diane Smith and Janice Starkey.

Fifteenth GRADE: Alan Walker, Ervin Watson and Pam Ward.

Sixteenth GRADE: Susan Wichmann, James Wile, Thomas Williams, Janice Young and Sherry Young.

Seventeenth GRADE: Sharon Anderson, Dora Angelle, James Arnold, Ava Allen, Ronald Bacon, John Bagnasco, Elizabeth Barber and Douglas Barth.

Eighteenth GRADE: Thomas Berard, Lawrence Buggia, Alan Davidson, Brenda Dreyer, Frances Englebrecht, Thomas Gaylord, Elizabeth Geddes, Mark Goodwin, Nancy Green, Martha Hanna, Marsha Harter \* and John Harris \*.

Nineteenth GRADE: Gregory Hendee, James Hostler, Allan Kalkka, Robert Kato, Myra Kopp, Katherine Kourjian, Judy Kubistek, Di-Lane Lau and Cheryl Letcher.

Twentieth GRADE: KAREN LOVETT \* Katherine MacLean, Lynne Manilla, 20, 1963.

Auto-Owners ALL-OUT MOTOR, BOAT AND TRAILER INSURANCE

Advertisement for Laverly Insurance Agency, featuring a cartoon character and text about fire insurance for auto-owners.

A Classified Ad in The Farmington Enterprise Will Contact Over 17,000 Potential Customers

Advertisement for 'The BATS' IS COMING! SOON!

Advertisement for Independence Day THURSDAY, JULY 4

Advertisement for 'On This, the Greatest of Days in Our American History, We Will Be Joining with Others Across the Land in Gala Celebration. BOTH THE RESTAURANT AND DAIRY PLANT WILL BE CLOSED'

Advertisement for Himmelspach Dining Room Farmington Dairy, 3219 Grand River Farmington GR. 4-2161

Public Letter Box

Letters submitted to the Editor for publication must be signed. Names will be withheld upon request. Opinions expressed in this column are those of the writer and do not necessarily represent the policies of this newspaper. Maximum length is 1,000 words.

Parent Concerned By Bike Accidents

I wish to congratulate the people of the Farmington area on their novel way of handling the population explosion.

By sending the TOTS into the STREETS TO PLAY and the older CHILDREN out on the HIGHWAYS on BICYCLES, the PARENTS can help KILL and CRIPPLE many more than are born.

I think the injuries and deaths would mount up faster if the parents would instruct their children in the proper use of the bicycle.

It's too bad we can't all get together in this endeavor. But, I GUESS SOME PARENTS are silly enough to LOVE THEIR CHILDREN. ARE YOU ONE OF THESE???

Charles E. Haglund 3240 12 Mile Road Farmington

Large advertisement for Consumers Power Company Gas Yard Lamp, featuring 'SALE DAILY' banner, 'END SATURDAY Charmglow GAS YARD LAMPS PRICED FROM ONLY \$43.95 MODEL 100 INSTALLED!' and an image of a lamp.

Looking Back in the Files

Historical recap section with three columns: 15 Years Ago (1948), 10 Years Ago (1953), and 5 Years Ago (1958), detailing local events and news.